



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 6487***

*January Session, 2003*

***AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE  
EVICTON PREVENTION PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-804 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish and  
4 administer a rent bank program of [loans and] grants to ensure  
5 housing for families whose income does not exceed sixty per cent of  
6 the median income in the state, including those receiving temporary  
7 family assistance, who are either at risk of becoming homeless or in  
8 imminent danger of eviction or foreclosure.

9 (b) To be eligible for assistance under this section, a family shall (1)  
10 document, as appropriate, loss of income or increase in expenses  
11 including, but not limited to, loss of employment, medical disability or  
12 emergency, loss or delay in receipt of other benefits, natural or man-  
13 made disaster, substantial and permanent change in household  
14 composition and any other condition which the commissioner  
15 determines constitutes a severe hardship and is not likely to recur and  
16 (2) participate in the assessment and mediation program established  
17 under section 17b-805.

18 [(c) The commissioner may establish repayment terms for financial  
19 assistance under this section upon determination that the recipient can

20 reasonably be expected to repay all or part of such assistance, except  
 21 that families receiving financial assistance under the state supplement  
 22 program, aid to families with dependent children program, temporary  
 23 family assistance program or state-administered general assistance  
 24 shall not be required to repay financial assistance made under this  
 25 section.]

26 [(d)] (c) No family shall receive financial assistance under this  
 27 section in excess of one thousand two hundred dollars during any  
 28 eighteen consecutive months.

29 [(e)] (d) The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance  
 30 with chapter 54 to determine eligibility [and repayment] standards for  
 31 [any loans and] grants under this section and to carry out the purposes  
 32 of this section.

33 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 17b-805 of the general statutes is  
 34 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
 35 *October 1, 2003*):

36 (c) No family shall be eligible for [loans and] grants under the rent  
 37 bank program established under section 17b-804 without prior referral  
 38 to the assessment and mediation program.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In subsection (e) of section 1 the words "and repayment" and "any loans and" were bracketed for consistency.

**HS**            *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*